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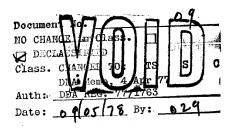
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- 1. Source reports that there is no truth in a current rumor prevalent in Bolivian Government and diplomatic circles that the President is awaiting an opportunity to turn the country over to the Army and then retire. This belief is characterized by source as an "idle rumor". He further states that Army and police control of the air and mail transportation companies, factories, and mines would be only for the purpose of bringing a cessation to disturbances and possible sabotage.
- 2. The President is not thought to have entertained the thought of fiving up his Government, but, to the contrary, he has preferred to take advantage of Army and police control by declaring his State of Siege. He thereby hoped to be able to "wield his whip" in an effort to have Congress declare both the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) and the Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR) illegal.



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